

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1-25 are pending, in which claims 1-4, 18 and 20-22 are currently amended. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed August 2, 2004 rejected claims 1-4, 6, 10, 18, 19, 21, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by *Grimes* (US 5,553,128), claims 5 and 20 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Grimes* in view of *Solomon et al.* (US 5,361,295), claims 7-9 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Grimes* in view of *Yamadera* (US 5,444,477), and claim 19 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Grimes*.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 11-17 and 23-25 are allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of a telephonic interview granted to Applicants' attorney on October 19, 2004. During the interview, the rejected claims were discussed in view of *Grimes et al.* No formal agreement was reached, pending the Examiner's detailed reconsideration of the application upon formal submission of a response to the outstanding Office Action.

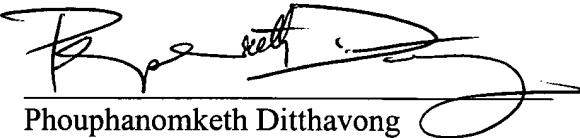
In the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 18 to recite a "call supporting a facsimile communication or a modem communication." This feature is not anticipated or made obvious by *Grimes*, *Solomon et al.* or *Yamadera*, individually or in the combinations rejected by the Office Action. Therefore, the rejections under §§ 102 and 103 are overcome.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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